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HOPI MAN SENTENCED TO 136 MONTHS FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE

PHOENIX –Jarett Elliott Francisco, 30, of Kykotsmovi Village, Ariz., was sentenced on January 10, 2005 to 136 months in prison, followed by lifetime supervision, by U.S. District Judge James A. Teilborg.

Francisco had pleaded guilty on October 21, 2004 to one count of Aggravated Sexual Abuse. Francisco admitted that on June 27, 2004, he went to the roof of a residence in Mishongnovi Village, Ariz. on the Hopi reservation where he encountered the victim, a female minor. The victim was asleep and when she awoke, Francisco assaulted her, choked her and attempted to shove a piece of cloth in her mouth. The victim struggled with him, but Francisco choked her to the point of unconsciousness, at which time he attempted to sexually assault her. The victim's mother heard noises on the roof and came up to find Francisco on top of the victim. Francisco fled and later self-surrendered.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the FBI. The prosecution was handled by Dyanne C. Greer, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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